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WHAT THIS PROVES

Human Cloning Will NOT Go Down Well With Raffles

An 11-year-old Faribault, Minn., boy has made an astounding hockey shot — sending a puck into a tiny hole 89 feet away. The shot at a charity game should be worth \$50,000, but there's a problem: Nate Smith was standing in for his identical twin, Nick, who was unavailable when his ticket was drawn Thursday. Their dad told organizers Nate made the shot. The company that insured the raffle hasn't said yet whether it will pay. (AP)

TEMPER

Don't Ever Borrow Money For a Coke From This Guy

A Kingsport, Tenn., man has ended a dispute over a car with crushing finality. Police charged Robbert Owens with theft when he told them he stole a car he had sold to another man and recycled it. Owens told police the buyer still owed him money. When the buyer didn't pay up, Owens took the car and had it crushed. (AP)

THE REAL PROBLEM

Jail Needs Marketing Dept.

Officials at an Ohio jail say no one showed up for a public tour intended to demonstrate why voters need to approve a sales tax on the Nov. 8 ballot. Chief sheriff's Deputy Michael McDonald oversees the jail and says he was "pretty disgusted" by Monday's lack of turnout. He had wanted to show that the jail has more than 300 inmates guarded by a staff of seven. (AP)

The Big Picture



PAGING OLYMPIC ORGANIZERS: A player is knocked from his perch during the Fischerstechen, or fishermen joust competition, at a lake near Seehausen, Germany, on Monday. The rules: Two fishermen standing on their boats try to prod each other into the water with long bars. (GETTY)

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In Brief

LOS ANGELES

Husband of 'Housewives' Cast Member Found Dead

Armstrong

The estranged husband of "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" cast member Taylor Armstrong was found dead in Los Angeles. The death of 47-year-old Russell Armstrong was caused by hanging, a coroner said. (AP)

NEW YORK

Court: Madoff Investors Won't Get Fake Profits

Investors who lost billions of dollars in Bernard Madoff's massive multi-decade fraud are not entitled to recover fake profits that were described to them in phony statements, a federal appeals court said Tuesday. (AP)

PHILADELPHIA

Man Fatally Shot After Facebook Threat Posted

Philadelphia authorities are investigating leads on Monday night's fatal shooting of Corey White, 22, was possibly connected to an alleged Facebook threat or to a shooting last month outside a nightclub. White was gunned down hours after a judge upheld felony charges against his ex-girlfriend, who was accused of offering \$1,000 on Facebook to kill White. (AP)

Obama: 'We'll Get Through This'

President seeks ideas for jolting economy while in the Midwest

Peosta, Iowa

Seeking some help from rural America, President Obama on Tuesday implored Iowans to share ideas with him about how leaders can give an economic jolt to the nation's heartland. He promised better days in a time of relentless joblessness, saying, "We'll get through this moment of challenge."

The president pulled into this northeastern Iowa town with some modest announcements of federal support, include targeting loans to rural small businesses and recruiting more doctors for small rural hospitals. But he seemed more intent on getting some guidance himself and presenting himself as a president who does not think Washington knows best.

"I'm looking forward to hearing from you about what else we can do to jump-start the economy here," Obama told the farmers, business owners and others gath-



President Obama speaks during a rural economic forum Tuesday in Peosta, Iowa, during his three-day bus tour in the Midwest centering on ways to grow the economy.

"You do your part. ... It's time Washington acted as responsibly as you do every single day."

— PRESIDENT OBAMA, ECHOING HARRY TRUMAN'S 1948 CAMPAIGN AGAINST A "DO NOTHING" CONGRESS DURING A FORUM TUESDAY IN PEOSTA, IOWA.

ered at Northeast Iowa Community College for an economic forum put together by the White House.

Hours later, Obama was praising the locals for being practical and realizing that government was neither the source of all their ills nor a savior, but a source of help. It was all a way for the president to immerse himself in people's real-life problems and get away from

Stocks Slide

Worries about Europe's economic and debt problems sent stocks Tuesday to their first loss in four days. The major indexes bounced up and down in another volatile day. At the close, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 76.97. It was the first time in seven trading days that the Dow rose or fell by less than 100 points. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 11.73. The Nasdaq composite fell 31.75. (AP)

his own political ones.

Republicans control the House and believe that addressing the nation's long-term debt will have a positive effect on the economy; they have no appetite for major spending initiatives aimed at spurring a recovery.

Embracing that demand for fiscal discipline, Obama has called for both spending cuts and increases in revenue, but he found few takers for that formula during the contentious debate this summer over raising the nation's debt ceiling.

JIM KUHNHEIN (AP)



Trade It In: Target said Tuesday that customers can trade in used electronics — including calculators, cell phones, iPods and iPads, DVDs and video games — during the back-to-school shopping season. Customers can bring their electronics to any store with a Target Mobile center and get a gift card for the value of the product. Customers can also trade in their products at NextWorth.com. Target Mobile centers are at about 85 percent of Target stores. (AP)



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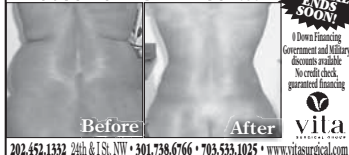
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**Police: Alert neighbor
saved 6-year-old girl
by chasing snatcher**

Albuquerque, N.M.

Police are crediting an alert neighbor with saving a 6-year-old girl from a man who snatched her and shoved her into a van as she walked home from a neighbor's house where she had been sent to pick up tostadas.

A pair of 911 calls came in to police Monday afternoon, including one from the wife of the neighbor and a breathless call from the girl's 12-year-old sister.

"She went to go to the neighbor's and on her way back we don't know what happened to her. ... She just like disappeared," the girl said of her little sister.

A neighbor, Antonio Diaz Chacon, heard a commotion and saw

"This little girl was very lucky. If it wasn't for [the neighbor], this could have been very bad."

— **ALBUQUERQUE POLICE SGT. TRICIA HOFFMAN**, COMMENTING ON HOW ANTONIO DIAZ CHACON IS CREDITED WITH RESCUING A 6-YEAR-OLD GIRL FROM A KIDNAPPER.

the abduction just before 5 p.m. Monday. Police said he hopped in his car and chased the van, and the van's driver tried to lose Chacon but crashed into a light pole.

Chacon rescued the girl while the suspect, who police identified as Phillip Garcia, ran away. After Chacon left with the girl, the suspect returned to the van and took off but was later apprehended by police.

Hidden under a rock just 25 feet from where the kidnapper crashed

his van, officers found packing tape and a tie-down strap. Inside the impounded van were tostadas, a glove, a Leatherman tool, a black satchel and orange strapping similar to the strap found hidden under the rock, police said.

Garcia was charged with kidnapping, child abuse and tampering with evidence.

Albuquerque police Sgt. Tricia Hoffman said Garcia is from Albuquerque, but she was unsure whether he had a criminal record. She said there have not been any other recent child abductions or attempted abductions in the city.

JERI CLAUSING (AP)



Garcia

Chili Cheese-A-Plenty on the Campaign Trail



RICHARD SHIRO/AP

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE Rep. Michele Bachmann pays for her order of Chili Cheese-A-Plenty on Tuesday at the Beacon Drive-In, in Spartanburg, S.C. She is on a three-day swing through the state.

Australian Collar Bomb Suspect Caught

Louisville, Ky.

An Australian investment banker accused of attaching a fake bomb to a teenager's neck as part of an extortion plot once worked for a company with ties to the victim's family, according to federal court documents released Tuesday.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Dave Whalin on Tuesday ordered 50-year-old Paul Douglas Peters jailed pending an extradition hearing Oct. 14 in Louisville.

The FBI arrested Peters on Monday without incident at his ex-wife's house in a well-heeled suburb near Louisville. (AP)

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World

A Call for Economic Discipline

Merkel, Sarkozy say European unity will help fix debt crisis

Paris

The leaders of France and Germany called Tuesday for greater economic discipline and unity among European nations but declined to take the expensive financial measures seen by many investors as the only way to halt the continent's spiraling debt crisis.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy called for a "new economic government" for Europe that would meet at least twice a year in a push for long-term solutions instead of such immediate financial measures as a single European bond.

Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel also proposed a



Germany's Grim Outlook

The German economy, Europe's largest, almost stalled in the second quarter as quarterly growth was 0.1 percent, Germany said Tuesday as Chancellor Angela Merkel, shown, discussed the continent's debt crisis in Paris. The worse-than-expected data from Germany, which had been powering euro-area growth, add to signs Europe is flirting with another economic slump. France's recovery stalled; Italian and Spanish expansion remained sluggish; and Greece's economy contracted. (BLOOMBERG/AP)

Europe-wide tax on financial transactions and pledged to harmonize their countries' corporate taxes in a move aimed to show the eurozone's largest members are "marching in lockstep" to protect the euro.

Some analysts say only tighter fiscal convergence between the euro zone's 17 members, with the strongest members guaranteeing the debts of the weaker part-

Meanwhile ...

The euro slid to \$1.4385 against the dollar, and key European markets edged down in off-hour trading Tuesday after German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy announced the results of their emergency talks in Paris. (AP)

ners, will resolve a crisis that has dragged on for nearly two years.

The move appeared a step toward the closer long-term economic integration that many analysts have said is inevitable to make the euro experiment survive, though it was unclear how much effect it would have in the short term.

Sarkozy and Merkel stressed their commitment to defending the currency, a cornerstone of integration on this long-fractured continent.

Still, investors may be concerned about how the euro bloc will put in place what its leaders have suggested, said David Gilmore of Foreign Exchange Analytics in Essex, Conn. "On the surface, it sounds very bold, a federal 'eurozone,'" he said. "The practical part still seems, to me anyway, to be a pipe dream." (AP)

In Brief

SAN'A, YEMEN

Yemen's Saleh Pledges To Return Home Soon

Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh vowed Tuesday to return home from Saudi Arabia, a move that could set off a violent new phase in the country's six-month uprising seeking to topple his regime. Saleh, who has been in Saudi Arabia recovering from wounds since June 5, told his supporters in a televised address: "See you soon in San'a." (AP)

KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN

8 Dead in Afghan Blast

A motorcycle bomb exploded in a market in Uruzgan province in southern Afghanistan on Tuesday evening, killing eight people and wounding dozens, officials said. Meanwhile, in Kandahar province, a gunman killed a female Afghan government employee as she was on her way to work Tuesday, officials said. (AP)

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World

Libyan Rebels Extend Dogged Fight for Zawiya

Zawiya, Libya

The day Libyan rebels advanced into the strategic city of Zawiya, Moammar Gadhafi's forces clamped down on the hospital.

They forced doctors to perform hours of surgeries, and put snipers on the roof and an anti-aircraft gun near the entrance, two doctors who escaped said Tuesday.

As the Libyan regime's grip on this coastal city of 200,000 slips, stories are seeping out about the reign of fear imposed here over the past five months.

Residents in Zawiya gave accounts of mass arrests. A rebel fighter said he was subjected to beatings and electric shocks.

Rebels pushed into the city on Saturday, but after four days of fighting Gadhafi's soldiers cling to eastern positions, including the hospital. Regime forces have pounded the city with rockets, mortar rounds and artillery shells.

Anger against the regime runs deep here, where residents said regime supporters supplied Gad-

Backstory

The rebel push into Zawiya came from the south, part of a three-week-old offensive launched from their stronghold in Libya's western mountains dozens of miles inland. With that advance, the rebels made some of their most significant territorial gains in the civil war and are now just 30 miles west of Moammar Gadhafi's stronghold, the capital of Tripoli. Rebel commanders have said they hope to take Tripoli by the end of the month. (AP)

hafi soldiers with lists of suspected rebel sympathizers to arrest.

Now, rebels are hunting down Gadhafi sympathizers in Zawiya. On Monday, Khaled al-Azzawi, 37, compiled lists of supporters. He said about 40 had been arrested.

Hamid al-Shawish, one of the doctors who escaped, said Tuesday that he believed Gadhafi's 42-year rule was almost over. "God willing, this is the end, and we will go to Tripoli," he said. (AP)

Demands Rise to End Corruption in India



GURINDER OSANI/AP

PROTESTERS SHOUT in New Delhi, India, as they are detained Tuesday along with septuagenarian activist Anna Hazare and thousands of his supporters. Hazare, who is the face of a nationwide movement against corruption, was arrested for planning a hunger strike to demand tougher laws against graft.

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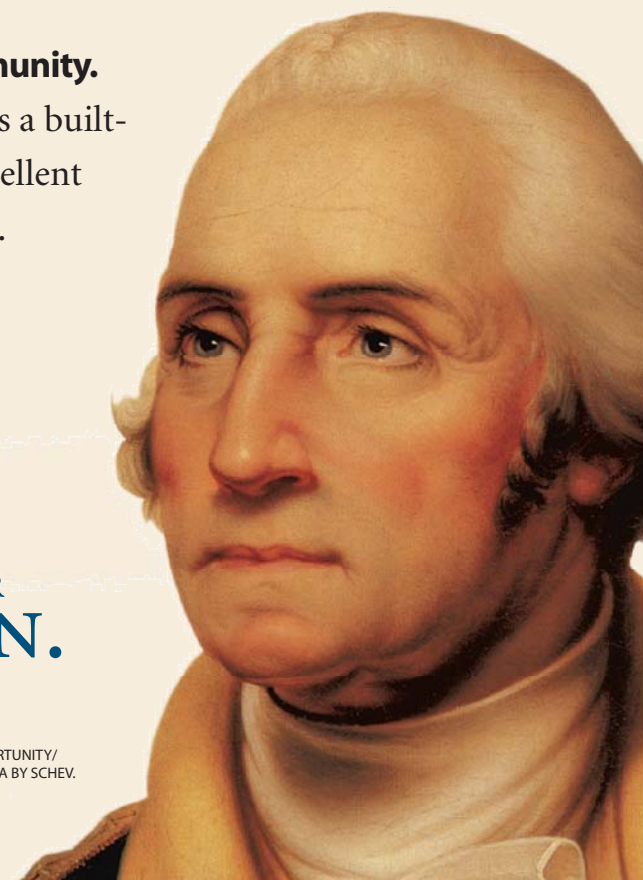
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Commuters wait to board buses at the Braddock Road Metro station in Alexandria Monday after Sunday rain caused flooding.

Figuring Out the Floods

Q I am very concerned that there was serious flooding by the Braddock Metro Monday morning, enough to disrupt service, when we only got 1.5 inches of rain Sunday night. There is a ton of construction in that area and I am worried that it has affected stormwater patterns to negatively impact Metro.

Big problem for Blue and Yellow line riders this morning. Haven't seen anything suggesting this was attributable to man, rather than nature. There was flooding throughout the region overnight.

Q Flooding happens. My beef is that there was no one in charge at Braddock Road. I only figured out what was going on by piecing together the conversations of other riders.

Metro still has trouble communicating with riders. The station managers should be able to get on bullhorns, and they should have placards they can write on and post by the fare gates.

Q I agree with the lament about the lack of order at Braddock Road. There were people inside the station yelling stuff when you got to the bottom of the escalator, but once you were outside, you were on your own. There was no way to line up, no one out there directing you to the shuttles — just an increasingly frustrated crowd.

Metro does a real good job with its shuttle bus service during the scheduled maintenance disruptions on weekends. But there frequently are problems with the emergency bus bridges. Metro has to get the buses through rush-hour traffic.

Q If Metro had planned better, all stations would have walkways on both sides of the trains. When a train stopped, all train doors would open, and you would enter a train on your left, and exit a train on your right.

That's a good idea. One of many things we'd like to do if we had a time capsule.

Q I am a lifelong Metro commuter, and I have to say that I have noticed that in the past several years, the time allowed to get on and get off the trains seems shorter and shorter. By the time the train empties of its passengers at Metro Center at rush hour, the chimes for door closing are heard. This is before anyone has even gotten on! I have, on more than one occasion, not been able to get on a train before the doors close. Have you heard similar complaints?

Riders, understandably frustrated by the crowding around the Metro doors, do make the proposal for one-way doors. I'm not sure it would work. Riders on the platforms who can't figure out that everyone would be better off if they stood aside and let passengers off — and they even have announcements to give them a hint — are hardly likely to obey a rule that says the center doors are for exit only. On a packed train at rush hour, I'm not sure the riders inside the cars would all be able to get to the center doors in time.

Dr. Gridlock offers commuter counseling online at washingtonpost.com.

Fair Warning: Metro plans to shut five stations on the eastern side of the Red Line this weekend: Takoma, Silver Spring, Forest Glen, Wheaton and Glenmont. Shuttle buses will be available. Also, Orange Line trains will share a track between Vienna and West Falls Church; Blue Line trains will share a track between Stadium-Armory and Addison Road, and between Arlington Cemetery and Pentagon City. (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Ed Jackson Jr., top, the chief architect for the MLK memorial, views the memorial with sculptor Lei Yixin in December 2010.

MLK 'D.C. Day' Open to All

Tickets for memorial preview eliminated due to heavy demand

Washington

Due to what Mayor Vincent C. Gray, a Democrat, called "overwhelming demand," the District is abandoning plans to require city residents to get a ticket to get an early peek at the soon-to-open Martin Luther King Memorial on the Mall.

The memorial will be formally unveiled Aug. 28. But Gray

announced last week that the city had worked with the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Foundation to hold a special viewing for District residents next Tuesday.

Initially, Gray hoped to distribute tickets to the event. But now Gray is saying organizers plan to open the memorial for anyone who shows up for what is being dubbed "D.C. Day."

"The interest that has been demonstrated in this is overwhelming," said Gray, noting he and his staff have been hounded for tickets. "It's pretty clear there are going to

be more people than we can handle with tickets."

Gray said the memorial will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on D.C. Day, Aug. 23.

Although the event is designed for District residents, Gray said the city won't — and, legally, can't — prevent suburbanites or out-of-towners from also viewing the memorial that day.

The special viewing will kick off a weeklong series of events to dedicate the memorial that is expected to draw hundreds of thousands of visitors. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

TV Host, Group Seek Pot License

Washington

Montel Williams — the talk show host, actor and pitchman — is part of a nonprofit group seeking licenses from the city to operate a marijuana dispensary and cultivation facilities.

According to District records, the Abatin Wellness Center has expressed preliminary interest in opening medical marijuana businesses in the District. A dispensary by the same name opened earlier this year in Sacramento, Calif., with

Williams as its public face.

Abatin has hired veteran D.C. attorney Frederick D. Cooke Jr. to shepherd the group through the process. In an interview Tuesday, Cooke confirmed Williams — who has multiple sclerosis and is an outspoken supporter of medicinal cannabis — has a major role in the group. (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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Upping the Ante: In an interview with The Washington Post Tuesday, Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli said he may run for U.S. Senate in 2014 — possibly setting him up to take on one of Virginia's most popular politicians, Democrat Mark R. Warner. Cuccinelli has previously said he expects to run for re-election, though he would consider running for the gubernatorial nomination against Republican Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling in 2013. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Cover Story

Roaring Success?

Perry's quotability will either bolster his campaign or send it up in flames

San Antonio

In the words of Gov. Rick Perry, secession was one scenario on the table for frustrated Texans. The BP oil spill? Might have been an act of God instead of corporate errors. And if the Federal Reserve puts more money in the U.S. system, as Perry told voters in Iowa this week, you could chalk it up as a treasonous act that would be treated "pretty ugly" back home.

No, that wasn't on the same level as his famous interview sign-off, "Adios, mofo." But Perry's just warming up.

Just four days after launching his GOP presidential run, the man from Paint Creek, Texas, is showing off a colorful tongue. The 61-year-old with maybe the most famous jogging-while-armed story ever — "Don't attack my dog or you might get shot ... if you're a coyote" — may emerge as the most quotable candidate in the GOP field.

But will that hurt as well as help him? The governor's mouth may come across as amusing to Texans who have grown accustomed to "Perryisms" over his decades in public office. But now he's on a larger stage. Will his quips be a plus — something for voters to identify with — or a vulnerability?

Obama said Tuesday on CNN that he was inclined to cut Perry "some slack" since it was so early in his run.

"You've got to be a little more careful about what you say," Obama said. Not everyone was so understanding.

"Inappropriate and unpresidential," tweeted Tony Fratto, a Republican who worked at the Treasury Department and in the White House under President George W. Bush.

That was his quick verdict after Perry said at a na appearance Monday in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, that Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke

"Adios, mofo."

— JUNE 2005, AFTER A SATELLITE INTERVIEW WITH A HOUSTON TELEVISION STATION. TEXAS GOV. RICK PERRY SAID HE WASN'T AWARE THE BROADCAST FEED WAS STILL LIVE.

"We've got a great union. There's absolutely no reason to dissolve it. But if Washington continues to thumb their nose at the American people, you know, who knows what might come out of that? But Texas is a very unique place, and we're a pretty independent lot to boot."

— APRIL 2009, PERRY ANSWERING A REPORTER'S QUESTION AT A TEA PARTY RALLY ABOUT WHETHER SOME TEXANS MIGHT WANT TO SECEDE.

"I think Section 5 is past its usefulness. I think it costs states huge amounts of money and, frankly, is way past its usefulness."

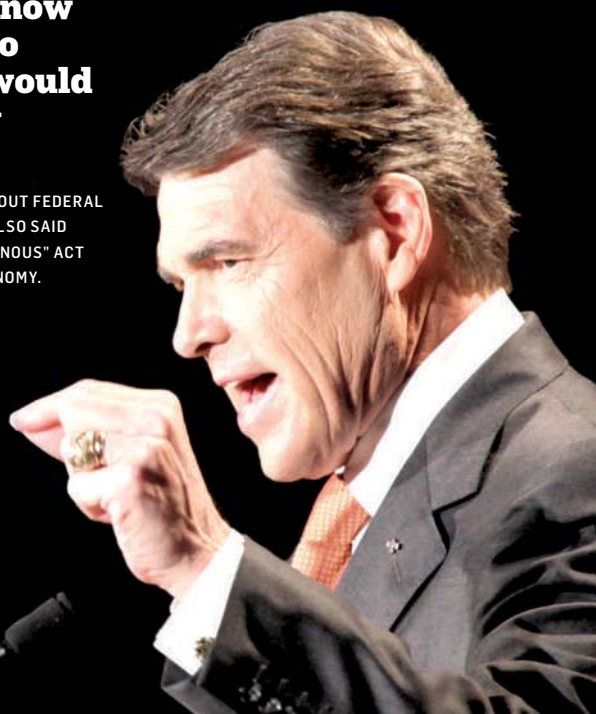
— NOVEMBER 2010, ABOUT FEDERAL OVERSIGHT OF VOTING DISTRICTS IN MOSTLY SOUTHERN STATES AS PART OF THE 1965 VOTING RIGHTS ACT.

"If this guy prints more money between now and the election, I don't know what y'all would do to him in Iowa, but we would treat him pretty ugly down in Texas."

— MONDAY, SPEAKING TO VOTERS IN IOWA ABOUT FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN BEN BERNANKE. PERRY ALSO SAID BERNANKE WOULD BE COMMITTING A "TREASONOUS" ACT BY PRINTING MORE MONEY TO BOOST THE ECONOMY.

"Don't attack my dog or you might get shot."

— APRIL 2010, SAYING HE SHOT AND KILLED A COYOTE WITH THE HANDGUN LOADED WITH HOLLOW-POINT BULLETS HE TAKES WITH HIM WHEN JOGGING ALONE IN THE WOODS BEHIND HIS AUSTIN HOME. PERRY SAID THE COYOTE WAS MENACING HIS DAUGHTER'S DOG.



Trump Weighs In

Donald Trump said Tuesday he expects Texas Gov. Rick Perry to do "very nicely" as a presidential candidate.

Trump said Perry was a welcome entry in the GOP field, though he stopped short of endorsing Perry. The real estate mogul said that he hasn't ruled out running for president himself as an independent, if he doesn't believe the candidate who wins the GOP nomination is strong enough to beat President Obama. (AP)

would be committing a "treasonous" act if he decided to "print more money to boost the economy." Perry said such action by the Fed would amount to a maneuver aimed at helping President Obama win re-election, a comment he stood by on Tuesday.

Perry also said Monday he would be a president who was "passionate about America — that's in love with America." When asked whether he was suggesting that Obama didn't love his country, Perry said, "You need to ask him."

Obama campaign adviser Robert Gibbs hit back Tuesday on MSNBC.

"The statements that Perry makes are remarkable in that just two years ago, the governor of Texas openly talked about leading Texas out of the United States of America, and now this campaign has caused him to profess his love to the United States," Gibbs said.

Perry never advocated Texas actually would break away from the U.S. at a tea party rally in 2009, but he did suggest that Texans might get so fed up they'd want to secede at some point.

But political observers say that even when it looks as if Perry is veering off script, he knows how far to take it.

"I think there is a fire burning with the base of the GOP, and Rick Perry knows how to fan the flames," said Mark McKinnon, who advised George W. Bush's campaigns. "The key will be to see whether he can keep the fire from burning out of control in the general election." PAUL J. WEBER (AP)



Money Well Spent?

Nats GM Mike Rizzo bets a bundle that this year's draft class is top-notch

Commentary

Time will tell if Mike Rizzo, Roy Clark and Kris Kline, the top three personnel men in the Nationals' front office, are completely out of their minds, collectively delusional, a trio that has sold itself a bill of



By
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goods. But you have to give them huge credit for honesty and putting Ted Lerner's money where their own extreme ecstatic scouting evaluations led them.

Over the next few years, as you watch slashing hitter Anthony Rendon, southpaw Matt Purke, centerfield speedster Brian Goodwin and 6-foot-8 righthander Alex

Meyer come through the minors, remember what the Nats thought of them on the day they were signed for \$16.2-million — blowing away MLB's recommended "slot" salaries of \$5 million for all combined.

Remember also that all of them were "falling down the board" during the draft. Falling to the Nationals, for good or ill, at No. 6, 23, 34 and 96 overall.

"Our best evaluators, Clark and Kline, thought that if those four players stayed in college and were back in the '12 draft, that any of the four of them could have ended up being drafted ... first overall," said Rizzo on Tuesday after all four signed in the final minutes before a midnight deadline. "We agreed that all four of them would have a

good chance to be the top five overall picks [in '12]."

Yes, that's just as nutty and giddy as you think. What's wilder is that Rizzo would say it. Remember, he also said he had "one hour sleep."

"We had them all graded out above '60' on a scale of 20-to-80 on OFP [Overall Future Potential]. There are only two handfuls of those scores each year. That's like Ryan Zimmerman's number," said Rizzo.

OK, all together, let's scream: Talk is cheap. But also appreciate how rare it is for a GM in any sport to risk being so euphoric.

Draft history (since 1965) shows that one player — one — who was drafted 96th overall ever became a star. Over 40 flopped. As for players picked 23rd and 34th, they've panned out big about one-in-10. Even No. 6s like Rendon produce three-to-one busts-to-stars with

"It's the best draft I've ever been a part of as far as the number of impact players. I think this is a huge day in the franchise history of the Washington Nationals."

— NATS GM MIKE RIZZO

only three superstars.

So, Mike, do you know how goofy you'll look if they all fail? Do you know it looks like you are breaking your arm patting yourself, your owner and your front office on the back?

"Yes, I know," said Rizzo. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Cashing In The Nationals signed their first five picks for roughly \$16.5 million combined, smashing the signing bonuses recommended by Major League Baseball's slot system with all five players. (TWP)

Rice infielder **Anthony Rendon**, left, (No. 6 overall) signed a major-league deal for \$7.2 million over four years, with a team option for a fifth year.

Kentucky right-handed pitcher **Alex Meyer** (No. 23 overall) signed for a \$2 million bonus. He stands 6-8 and has thrown his fastball 100 mph.

Miami Dade College outfielder **Brian Goodwin** (No. 34 overall) signed for \$3 million. He reached base at a .500 clip this season and hit eight homers.

TCU left-handed pitcher **Matt Purke** (No. 96 overall), a former first-round pick, joined Rendon in signing a major league deal, worth roughly \$4 million over four years.

Kylin Turnbull (No. 127 overall), a 6-foot-5 left-hander from Santa Barbara City College, signed a \$325,000 bonus — \$100,000 more than MLB recommends.

In Brief



Serena Williams beat Lucie Hradecka at the Western & Southern Open Tuesday.

TENNIS

Red-Hot Serena Extends Winning Streak to 12

Serena Williams, winner of her last two tournaments, defeated Lucie Hradecka of the Czech Republic 6-3, 7-6 (5) Tuesday in the first round of the Western & Southern Open, a U.S. Open tuneup. Williams has improved her world ranking from No. 175 to No. 31 in her comeback from injury and illness. She has won 12-straight matches, tying Kim Clijsters and Victoria Azarenka for the longest such streak on the WTA Tour this year. (AP)

PRO HOCKEY

Rypien Had Depression In Decade Before Death

Winnipeg Jets assistant general manager Craig Heisinger said Rick Rypien had been dealing with depression for at least a decade before he was found dead on Monday. The 27-year-old was scheduled to fly to Winnipeg on Sunday night to have his knee checked out but never made the plane. He was found dead in his home in Alberta. (AP)

PRO BASEBALL

Guards Took Signed Baseballs From Clemens

Several security guards at the District's federal courthouse have landed in foul territory for accepting free baseballs autographed by superstar pitcher Roger Clemens shortly after a judge last month declared a mistrial in his perjury prosecution. The U.S. Marshals Service confirmed Tuesday that there is an investigation into why and how six signed balls were sent to a guard by someone on Clemens' defense team. (TWP)



Sports

Rise in Touchbacks Hit as Boring

NFL: Kickoff change was implemented to make the game safer

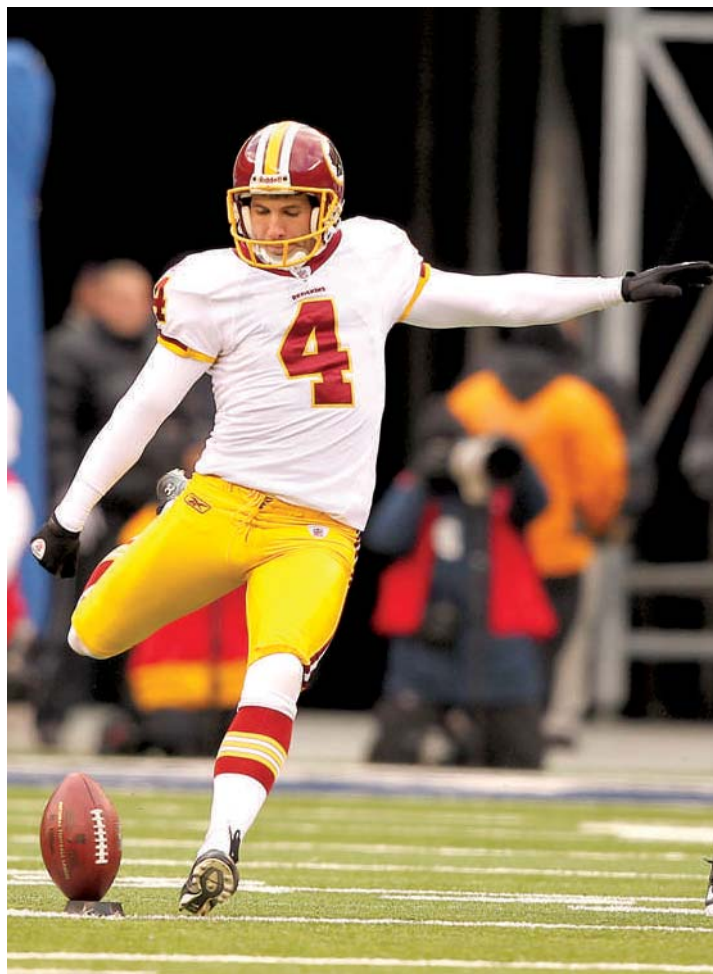
Pro Football

Anticipation grew in stadiums across the country last week as NFL kickers approached teed-up footballs and launched them skyward in the first round of preseason games. Would-be tacklers sprinted down the field as blockers aligned themselves. Kickoff returners settled under descending footballs.

And then ... not much. The ball landed on the turf and bounced through the end zone, or the returner made the catch and dropped to a knee for a touchback, and everyone waited for the next play to begin at the 20-yard line.

Touchbacks were up, dramatically and predictably, in the first week of the preseason after NFL owners voted during the offseason to move the kickoff five yards closer to the opposite end zone as a safety measure for what might be the sport's most dangerous play.

Not all players, coaches and fans



Kickoffs were moved from the 30-yard line to the 35-yard line for the new NFL season.

are pleased with the early returns on the new kickoff rules. But league leaders are holding their ground, saying the competitive considerations are secondary to players' health and safety.

"It's not for the elimination of kickoff returns" said Atlanta Falcons President Rich McKay, chairman of the NFL's competition committee, of the new rule. "This was a safety rule change."

31.9%

The portion of kickoffs that resulted in touchbacks in the first round of preseason games. That's up from 18.5 percent in the opening week of the preseason last year. (TWP)

But Baltimore Ravens coach John Harbaugh said that the touchbacks on kickoffs during his team's preseason opener were "just a yawner." And Josh Cribbs, the standout returner for the Cleveland Browns, predicted last week on Twitter that the rule would be changed before next season because "without that part of the return game, it might as well be a scrimmage." MARK MASKE (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Rookie Jah Reid and the Ravens' O-line struggled against the Eagles last week.

Offensive Line Draws Concern Among Ravens

Pro Football

It's far too early to declare this a crisis, but the Baltimore Ravens' offensive line definitely is off to a shaky start.

Six-time Pro Bowl center Matt Birk had surgery on his left knee, and his status for the first game and the season is in doubt. Offensive guard Marshal Yanda is sidelined with back spasms.

Offensive tackles Michael Oher, Oniel Cousins and rookie Jah Reid were exploited for six sacks during a 13-6 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles to open the preseason last week.

Will the Ravens be stout up front? "We're going to try to be," offensive coordinator Cam Cameron said. "We really don't know yet. We are going to know more in the next two or three weeks." (AP)

Optimism Creep Strikes Early This Season

Commentary

It's happening again. Redskins fans are falling victim to Optimism Creep, that feeling that everything, finally, may be all right. Symptoms usually appear after a preseason win. One of the worst outbreaks came in 2002, when the Redskins put up 38 points in their opener against San Francisco in Steve Spurrier's debut.

If not treated, Optimism Creep can easily turn into Reality Fatigue Syndrome, when the season turns into one long burgundy and gold

slog toward mediocrity. That's what happened in 2002, when the Redskins, despite their preseason start, finished the regular season 7-9 and out of the playoffs.

Friday night's win over Pittsburgh was impressive, it's true, but mostly because the Redskins didn't stink. That's the bar now — not stinking, not finishing 4-12 or 6-10, their results the past two seasons.

It's hard to blame fans like the Redskins' faithful for their OC. It's beyond their control, and it happens to fans of all teams, in all sports. It just hits harder among fans whose sports immune systems have been weakened by years of going through OC, then RFS, and then starting the

Meanwhile ...



Redskins coach Mike Shanahan said Tuesday that quarterback John Beck, left, will get the nod for Friday's

game at Indianapolis, both teams' second preseason contest. Beck is battling Rex Grossman for the starting job. Grossman started last week against Pittsburgh and completed 19 of 26 passes for 207 yards and one touchdown in the first half. Beck sat out the game with a strained groin but has returned to take part in all drills this week at practice. (AP)

cycle all over again.

Mike Shanahan must also be an OC sufferer. How else to explain John Beck as the putative starter despite his complete lack of a pro resume? Because he shines in film review? Seriously? So did Pauline Kael, but she never started for the Giants.

There is no known medical cure for Optimism Creep or for Reality Fatigue Syndrome. One winning season would mitigate the disease, but not wipe it out. Only repeated success will put both OC and RFS into remission. Until then, we can't help the sufferers. We can only be patient with them — and hope it's not catching. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

TV Lineup

NATIONALS (7 P.M., MASN2)

The Nats continue their series against the Reds.

PRO BASEBALL (2 P.M., WGN;

7 P.M., ESPN) The lowly Cubs visit the Astros, and the Phillies host the Diamondbacks.

SOCCER (2:30 P.M., CSN)

Villareal faces Odense in the Champions League.

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The championship game of the Little League World Series



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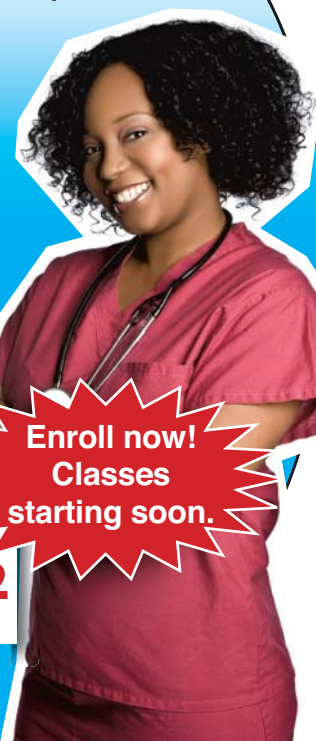
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falls during New York Fashion Week.

This year's fashion design winner, Gilles Mendel, moved the date of his runway show so he could attend. Finalists Prabal Gurung and Jason Wu both declined their invitations due to the conflict.

The White House wouldn't host a party celebrating actors on Oscar night. So why honor designers when they're tied to the catwalks?

Fashion Week is a designer's election season. It's a hefty investment, with shows costing about \$300,000 to stage. It may seem glamorous, but it's really a hellish biannual week of networking and sales that can make a designer's career.

For an administration trumpeting job creation, why slight a \$300 billion industry by honoring designers during their busiest week? The East Wing should renew its Vogue subscription. Mrs. Obama is more stylish than this.

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Men at Work

Coldplay's fifth album isn't even finished, but it may end up as the band's best effort yet

Music

In his dressing room, prior to a gig at UCLA earlier this month, Coldplay's Chris Martin is polite and engaging, showing no signs that he and his bandmates are neck-deep and under the gun in the painstaking process of completing the next Coldplay album.

Titled "Mylo Xyloto" and due out Oct. 25, the album will be Coldplay's fifth and comes at a critical juncture for a band entering its second

The Last Time?

Singer Chris Martin will not forecast what the future may hold for Coldplay. "I always feel like each record is our last, but at the moment I'm in the stage where I really mean it," he says. "I just can't imagine how we would do another one, because we've thrown everything" into this one. When asked if in two years he'll feel like embarking on this entire process again, Martin says, "I don't know. But I never know. ... We're just so grateful and very driven. How long that will last, I don't know. I don't know how long you can maintain that kind of focus." R.W.

decade. This will be its first record in three years, and not only do the band's loyal fans crave new music, but the industry at large is also looking for more evidence that Coldplay is indeed still on an upward trajectory as an international mega-band with decades of staying power.



Mylo Xyloto
Coldplay

Embarking on a new cycle, spirits, like expectations, are high. "We've been together long enough that I know how everyone else is feeling, and it makes me excited when I feel the others are excited," Martin says. "They seem pretty fired up. I think we have a lot to prove to ourselves. There's no point in not going for it."

This is global go-time for Martin and Jonny Buckland (guitar); Guy Berryman (bass); and Will Champion (drums), as the band and its team transition from showcasing choice songs at festivals to teeing up the launch of the record in ear-

nest. Of course, they have to finish it first.

As the record's release nears, the members of Coldplay are completely immersed in this still-evolving project. "Because we haven't sequenced it yet, the goal is to leave it in a peaceful place when we finish it," Martin says. "The hope is for the record to be free from any musical kind of box."

It's an album destined to be filled with emotive, ambitious soundscapes that, while true to the band's sound, also furiously push limits and strive to convey big themes.

The expectations couldn't be bigger. "This album could be career-defining," says manager Dave Holmes, a man not given to hyperbole. "Laurels have not been rested upon. They took it up a notch, they challenged themselves, and the music I've heard has been nothing short of spectacular and next-level. They've made a record they're proud of. This band is never cocky. But there is a quiet confidence."

Then Buckland adds: "We're as good as we've ever been, at least."

RAY WADDELL (BILLBOARD.COM)



Bringing Sexy Back: After a year of back-and-forth with New Line Cinema, Mike Myers may be signing up to write, produce and star in the fourth "Austin Powers" opus. Reports on E! Online and the Wrap differ as to how certain the signing is. No word yet on who would play Austin's sidekick, which has previously been played by bombshells Elizabeth Hurley, Heather Graham and Beyoncé. The last "Austin Powers" flick was nine years ago. (TWP)

Country Strong

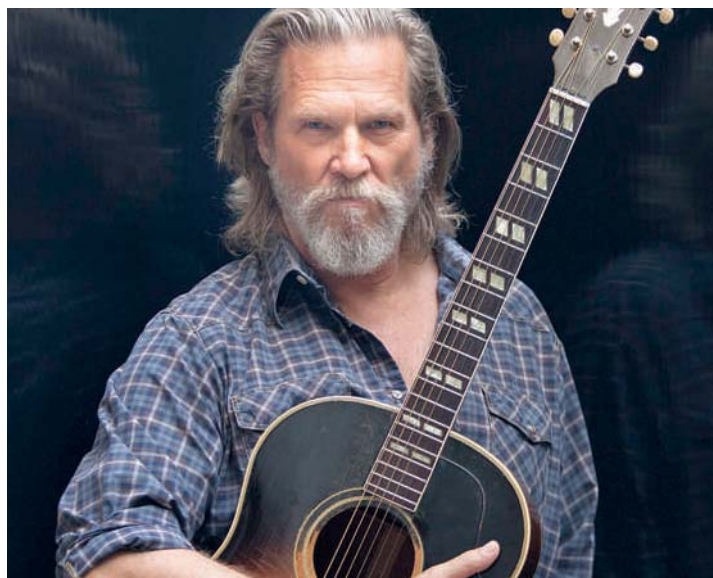
Actor Jeff Bridges embodies the persona of his 'Crazy Heart' role on a new solo CD

Album Review

If Bad Blake, the boozy country singer Jeff Bridges played in 2009's "Crazy Heart," could make albums, he may have made something like "Jeff Bridges." The actor's self-titled album is decidedly country, at once



Jeff Bridges
Jeff Bridges



Jeff Bridges' new disc features songs written by contributors to "Crazy Heart."

sad and hopeful, laced with heart-felt harmonies and slide guitars.

Perhaps inspired by the movie and certainly made possible by his Oscar win, Bridges sought out his longtime friend (and "Crazy Heart" songwriter and producer) T Bone Burnett to produce the 10-song collection, which features tracks penned by other contributors to the film. Bridges wrote two of the songs himself and co-wrote another with Burnett.

The actor's two self-penned tracks, "Falling Short" and "Tumbling Vine," are among the album's most haunting and contemplative, as the 61-year-old sings about what

'The Right Season'

"Part of the fun of making the album was revisiting my older tunes that haven't been fully realized," says Bridges, noting that he has often found himself noodling on the guitar when he's supposed to be memorizing lines. "'Slow Boat' was a song I wrote with T Bone for 'Crazy Heart.' 'Falling Short' is 35 years old. It certainly seemed like the right time to get into my music. 'Crazy Heart' really set fire to my music, working with old buddies — it was the right season for it." (BILLBOARD)

it means to be alive. He continues that theme on "Slow Boat," the song he wrote with Burnett, and throughout the CD. "If it's as bad or good as it can get, well, you ain't seen nothing yet," he sings on one track. "I wasn't born to be standing still long," he sings on another. "You know one day my tombstone will say 'Born to be gone.'"

Bridges, Burnett and Bad Blake should be proud of the actor's eponymous album. Its 10 songs are solid, if sometimes sad, establishing Bridges as a bona fide musician, not just a guy who plays one on screen. SANDY COHEN (AP)



Hits, tackles and catches have all been revamped in the new "NCAA Football 12."

'NCAA Football 12' Makes the Grade

With minor tweaks, this series no longer lags behind 'Madden'

Video Game Review

College football is back in "NCAA Football 12" (\$59.99, Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3), which keeps last year's improved core game play intact while improving the presentation and animations, and its Road to Glory and Dynasty modes.

EA Sports' NCAA titles have for years admirably captured the atmosphere of Saturday afternoons with loud crowds, mascots and fight songs, but the series has lagged behind its John Madden big brother in terms of graphics, lighting and textures.

"NCAA Football 12" chang-

es that.

The game introduces team-specific pregame festivities, improves the look of the stadiums' fans and finally gives gamers Madden-style textured field surfaces.

Perhaps it's odd that the biggest draw of a college football game is playing high school games, but the revamped Road to Glory — in which you create a character that starts in high school — is the game's most enjoyable mode. You'll even be able to import your character into EA's upcoming "Madden NFL 12," meaning a career can now span high school, college and the pros.

"NCAA Football 12" does what an annual sports title should do: It keeps the good and sprinkles in enough improvements to make it a worthwhile purchase.

DIRK LAMMERS (AP)

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1 Better Together

The Wood Brothers, Oliver and Chris (real brothers), pursued separate musical careers for more than a decade before forming the cleverly titled folk duo. **Rams Head On Stage, 33 West St., Annapolis, Md.; Wed., 8 p.m., \$22.50; 410-268-4545, Ramsheadonstage.com.**

2 Fiddle-Dee-Dee

Musician Daniel Boucher is mostly known for his gorgeous French-inflected fiddling, but it turns out the Quebecois played Renfield in a French-language "Dracula" musical. Please go to his concert and ask him about this. **Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Wed., 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom)**

3 Packing a Punch

During the August doldrums, the Phillips takes pity on us and holds its normally monthly Phillips After 5 party every week. This Thursday: dance from Step Afrika!, live jazz from Project Natale and rum punch samples from Room 11 bartender and punch savant Dan Searing. **Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St. NW; Thu., 5 p.m., \$12; 202-387-2151, Phillipscollection.org. (Dupont Circle)**

TV tonight **lookout**

Faith From a Child

'Pint-Sized Preachers' follows kids with their own congregations

Reality

NATGEO 10:00 Children who can evangelize before they can read are the subject of "Pint-Sized Preachers." There has been a long tradition of child ministers, but YouTube videos and social media have given some contemporary preschool preachers star status.

"Pint-Sized" follows Kanon Tipton of Mississippi, a 4-year-old who can hold a congregation spell-bound. Now 12, Florida preacher Terry Durham seems to be suffering the fate of child actors, losing a following because he's no longer cute. And Matheus Moraes of Rio de Janeiro spreads the gospel to prisons.

Each of these portraits shows their subjects delivering dazzling sermons.



Kanon Tipton, 4, addresses his Mississippi congregation in "Pint-Sized Preachers."

But we also see backstage machinations, and an emphasis on money, fancy clothes, technique and a cult of person-

ality that leave some believing there is as much show business at work here as spirituality.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

Best Bets

APL 8:00

Bedbug Apocalypse Last year saw an infestation of bedbugs ravage the country. This new one-hour special features firsthand accounts with entomologists, pest management technicians and victims of the scourge, and explores how the situation stands today.

USA 9:00

Royal Pains Hank treats a runner who's having trouble regulating her body temperature while training for a marathon. Hank also starts to suspect that Boris' declining health doesn't have a genetic cause.

FAM 9:30

State of Georgia What is it about forbidden fruit — or, in this case, forbidden fabric? Georgia (Raven-Symone, shown) is under orders from Aunt Honey to keep her hands off a certain dress. So, of course, she just has to try it on, landing herself and Jo in hot water.



TLC 10:00



Outrageous Kid Parties Returning for a new season tonight, this series focuses on deranged — or at least wildly doting — families that spend a small fortune staging a virtual circus just to make sure their children have the parties of their lifetime — even if that lifetime is just six years long to date. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Drama



News of the World

Fans awaiting the return of "Mad Men" and its mid-20th-century atmosphere should not miss "The Hour" (10 p.m., BBC America), a six-episode espionage thriller set in Britain's television industry, circa 1956. "The Wire" alum Dominic West, shown, stars as Hector Madde, anchor of the nightly news hour the series is named after. K.M.

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COMMENTER MOTOROLA RULES

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COMMENTER DIOGENES

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"Bradley Cooper is apparently going to let bygones be bygones, as he won't be rising from the dead on a mission of vengeance after all. We had a feeling something was going to have to be dropped from Cooper's crazy schedule."

— STARPULSE.COM WASN'T UPSET TO SEE COOPER STEP AWAY FROM A REMAKE OF "THE CROW," ADDING, "WE NEVER QUITE PICTURED COOPER AS ERIC DRAVEN, BUT WE WERE WILLING TO GO WITH IT."



"Paying \$2,700 for a studio apartment doesn't seem like it leaves much left over for weekly shopping at Whole Foods, unless of course you've got your parents' credit card."

— A COMMENTER AT DCIST.COM REACTS TO NEWS THAT WHOLE FOODS IS OPENING A LOCATION OFF OF WASHINGTON CIRCLE, NEAR GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, ON SEPT. 6.

Blog Log



"Lady Gaga arrives in Nebraska and announces her candidacy for the 2012 presidential election as part of the Independent/Monster Party. Um, stranger things have happened. See: 2008."

— BUZZWORTHY.MTV.COM RELAYED ONE OF THE SUGGESTIONS A READER SENT IN ABOUT WHAT GAGA'S NEW VIDEO "YOU AND I" WILL BE ABOUT, AFTER GAGA SAID THE PREMISE IS ABOUT TREK-KING ALL THE WAY FROM NEW YORK CITY TO NEBRASKA. THE VIDEO, WHICH PREMIERES ON MTV THURSDAY, WAS SHOT IN THAT STATE.



"EXCELLENT decision on the promoter's part. What kind of [jerk] accuses a man of being a pedophile then wants to play at his memorial concert?? Take a walk, [Gene] Simmons, you moron."

— A COMMENTER AT TMZ.COM WAS GLAD TO HEAR THAT SIMMONS' BAND, KISS, HAS BACKED OUT OF A MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE CONCERT, SET FOR OCT. 8 IN WALES.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Cast your mind back and you'll hit upon something long forgotten but that still has an important impact on your daily life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may forget just what you are doing — or, more significantly, why you are doing it — but you can quickly get back on track, surely.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You needn't put yourself in any danger, even when engaging in an activity that is completely new to you. You've taken all precautions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You'll hit it off quickly with someone who enters your life quite by chance — and today or tomorrow something bigger will develop.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You have no objection to doing precisely what you are told, provided you can voice a differing opinion now and then.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You know who is boss, and you know it isn't you — yet. When the time comes, you'll wield your authority with care and insight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You can claim something that others think is not wholly true, but you know that you are in no way trying to deceive anyone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Someone may come to you for information about a situation you know inside and out. It's your expertise that is so attractive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may want to confirm the source of the information you receive before you act on it in any decisive and irreversible way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Before you know it, you should be able to get more done than you had planned, but only if you make a strong and confident start.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll want to retrace your steps to determine just how you got into the position in which you now find yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You mustn't let a knee-jerk reaction keep you from taking someone seriously who comes to you with a far-fetched idea. It can be done.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 195-205, BEST SCORE 251

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Double Word Score

RACK 1

RACK 2

1st Letter Triple

RACK 3

RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

B ₃	R ₁	A ₁	V ₄	A ₁	D ₂	O ₁	RACK 1 =	76
O ₁	U ₁	T ₁	P ₃	O ₁	U ₁	R ₁	RACK 2 =	59
P ₃	I ₁	C ₃	N ₁	I ₁	C ₃		RACK 3 =	12
G ₂	U ₁	M ₃	L ₁	I ₁	K ₅	E ₁	RACK 4 =	66
PAR SCORE 145-155							TOTAL	213

FOUR RACK TOTAL

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Yesterday's Solution

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86 | 71

Today: Pleasant today with sunshine. A shower or thunderstorm around tonight.

89 | 70

Tomorrow: A shower or thunderstorm around tomorrow and tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead



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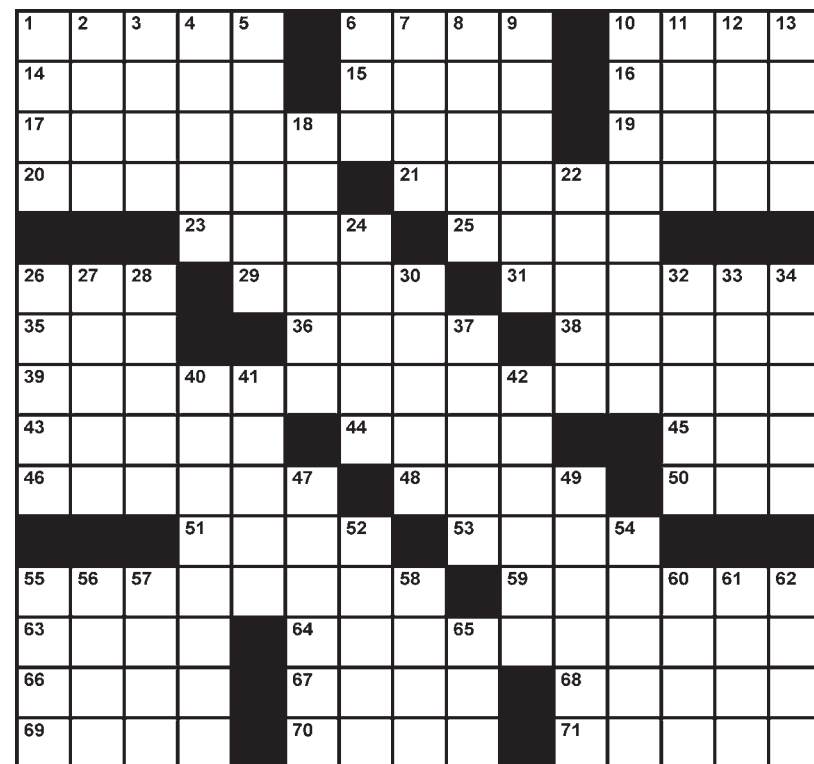
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ACROSS

- 1 Wash before operating
 6 Wide-spouted mantel pitcher
 10 At a great distance
 14 Without any assistance
 15 Superlative review
 16 Carbonated beverage
 17 Tearjerkers
 19 Utter in a grating voice
 20 Navigates the car
 21 Vibrating musical effects
 23 Keep ____ on (watch closely)
 25 Votes of approval
 26 Drink daintily
 29 Cry of distress
 31 Senility
 35 Org. listed a toothpaste box
 36 Lagoon barrier
 38 Little brooks
 39 They're the real deals
 43 Some bridge positions
 44 Trap, as a raccoon
 45 Legal eagles' org.
 46 Most foxy (var.)
 48 Third-quarter tide
 50 "____ Jude" (Beatles classic)
 51 Grouse house
 53 Heroin, slangily
 55 FBI files
 59 Like some green tomatoes
 63 Misshapen citrus fruit
 64 Ones with read faces?
 66 Unwritten exam
 67 First king of Israel
 68 Bakery treats
 69 Embroiders a bit
 70 Nervously irritable
 71 Hair arrangement

DOWN

- 1 Reason for a reprimand
 2 Blood flow stoppage
 3 Post-Jacuzzi wear



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- 4 Like fresh concrete
 5 Stab in the back
 6 Get eliminated from a bee, say
 7 Be on standby
 8 All
 9 Start over on the farm
 10 Puzzle that involves a quote
 11 Postnatal palomino
 12 Furthermore
 13 Criminal charges
 18 "Morning's At Seven" playwright
 22 Language of New Zealand
 24 Piece of candy
 26 Wise ones
 27 Worth imitating
 28 Flower with velvety

- petals
 30 Absorb the 3 R's
 32 To whom a caliph prays
 33 English church land
 34 Prose piece
 37 Liberates
 40 They're set in place settings
 41 Japanese immigrant to the U.S.
 42 Setting for a tempest?
 47 Menacing African fly
 49 Loses one's head
 52 C-E-G chord, e.g.
 54 Word before "Scott" or "Caesar's ghost"
 55 Singing couples
 56 Shrek, for one
 57 Shredded side dish
 58 Self-satisfied

- 60 Gross, to a toddler
 61 Banana skin
 62 Roman existence
 65 Cathedral city near Cambridge

Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1863 Federal batteries and ships begin bombarding Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor during the Civil War, but the Confederates manage to hold on despite several days of pounding.

1978 The first successful trans-Atlantic balloon flight ends as Maxie Anderson, Ben Abruzzo and Larry Newman land their Double Eagle II outside Paris.

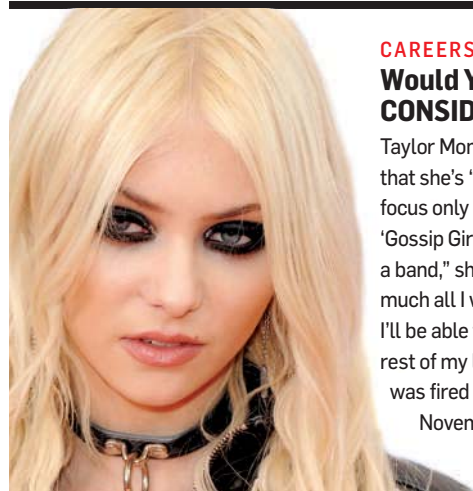
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Taylor Momsen tells *Elle* magazine that she's "quit acting" and will now focus only on her music career. "I quit 'Gossip Girl' and now tour and am in a band," she said. "That's pretty much all I want to do. Hopefully, I'll be able to only do that for the rest of my life." Momsen left, or was fired from, "Gossip Girl" in November. She played Jenny Humphrey. (EXPRESS)

PROMISES**'I Shall Love More Toughly Than I Ever Have Before'**

George and Cindy Anthony, parents of Casey Anthony, will appear on "The Dr. Phil Show" on Sept. 12. "I looked them straight in the eye and asked some very tough questions. Nothing is off limits during this interview," Dr. Phil McGraw said in a statement. In exchange for the interview, the show will make a donation to Caylee's Fund, the Anthonys' grandparent-rights charity. (EXPRESS)



George and Cindy Anthony's "Dr. Phil" interview will benefit their charity.

Parenting**'So When Will This Crying Thing Turn Back Into a Dove?'**

David Copperfield and his girlfriend, Chloe Gosselin, have a 16-month-old baby, his rep told the U.K.'s *Daily Mail*. "Forget vanishing the Statue of Liberty, David's next illusion will be disappearing the dirty diaper. A lot more practical," the rep noted. The baby girl is Copperfield's first child. (EXPRESS)

**TWEENAGE GIRLS****We Give You Power and You Do This?**

The 11-year-old "mayor for a day" of Forney, Texas, chose for her first major act in office to rename part of Main Street for Justin Bieber. A temporary sign for "Justin Bieber Way" went up Tuesday during a ceremony honoring Caroline Gonzalez, who won a contest meant to get young people interested in municipal government. She's active in student council, recycling and community service projects. City officials weren't able to reach Bieber to invite him. The sign was made for about \$20. (AP)

"I have no clue what her next move is. ... I hope she dedicates more time to the kids now, and I wish her the best."



— **JON GOSSELIN**
TELLS RADARONLINE. COM HE WAS NOT SURPRISED THAT "KATE PLUS 8" WAS CANCELED. HE HOPES HIS CHILDREN WILL HAVE MORE PRIVACY NOW.

**RAILROADS****'We're Traveling Like Poor People!'**

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie hired a private train to transport themselves, their children, their entourage and the crew of the film "World War Z" from London to Glasgow on Tuesday. The family "were all smiling and looked really happy, but then I suppose it's not every day that a kid gets to have their own train to play with!" an observer told *People.com*. The Virgin charter train is usually employed by English soccer clubs. (EXPRESS)



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